

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

DAVID STEPTOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

JANESVILLE NEWS PAPER, JANESVILLE
GAZETT,

Defendant.

ORDER

Case No. 24-cv-923-jdp

Plaintiff David Steptoe has filed a proposed civil complaint and has requested leave to proceed without prepaying the filing fee. To evaluate plaintiff's request to proceed without prepayment, I must review a certified copy of plaintiff's inmate trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2).

For this case to proceed, plaintiff must submit a certified trust fund account statement no later than January 23, 2025. If I find that plaintiff is indigent, I will calculate an initial partial payment of the filing fee that plaintiff must pay before the court can screen the complaint on the merits under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Thereafter, plaintiff will be required to pay the balance of the filing fee in installments.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff David Steptoe may have until January 23, 2025 to submit a certified trust fund account statement for the period beginning approximately June 26, 2024 and ending approximately December 26, 2024. If plaintiff fails to respond to this order by January 23, 2025, then I will assume that plaintiff wishes to withdraw this action

voluntarily. In that event, the case will be dismissed without prejudice to plaintiff refiling at a later date.

Entered this 26th day of December, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

ANDREW R. WISEMAN

United States Magistrate Judge